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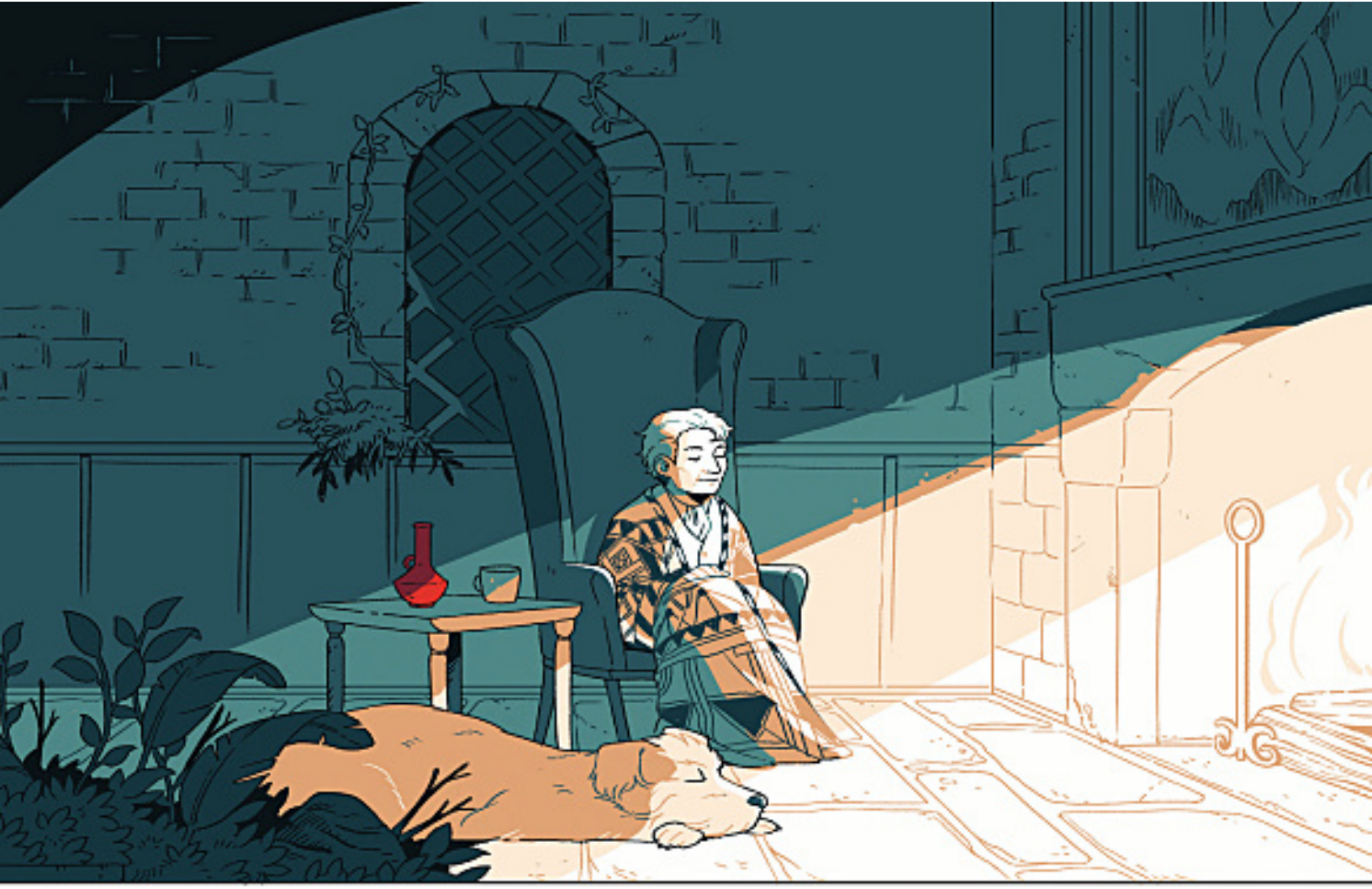

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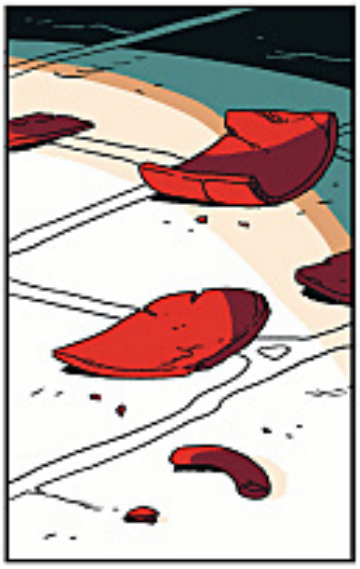

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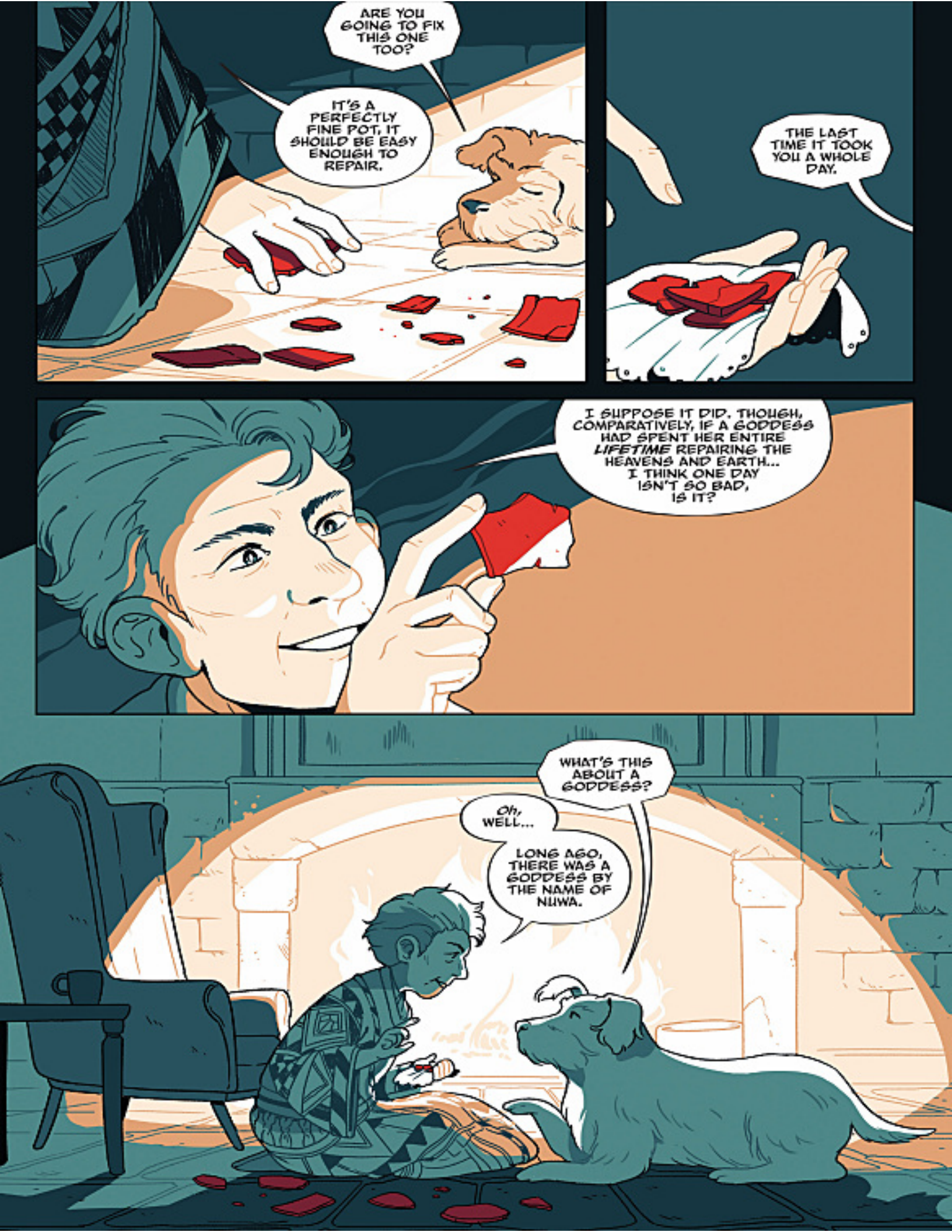

ARE YOU GOING TO FIX THIS ONE TOO?
IT'S A PERFECTLY FINE POT. IT SHOULD BE EASY ENOUGH TO REPAIR.
THE LAST TIME IT TOOK YOU A WHOLE DAY.
I SUPPOSE IT DID. THOUGH, COMPARATIVELY, IF A GODDESS HAD SPENT HER ENTIRE *LIFETIME* REPAIRING THE HEAVENS AND EARTH... I THINK ONE DAY ISN'T SO BAD, IS IT?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A GODDESS?
Oh, WELL...
LONG AGO, THERE WAS A GODDESS BY THE NAME OF NUWA.

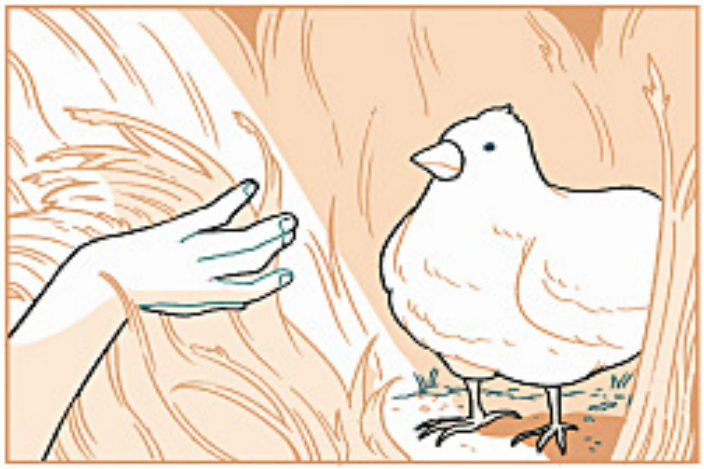
NUWA HAD THE BODY OF A SNAKE AND THE HEAD OF A BEAUTIFUL EMPRESS, BUT SHE COULD CHANGE HER FORM WHENEVER SHE PLEASED.

SHE TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE LANDS, SURVEYING THE BEGINNINGS OF THIS WORLD AND WATCHING AS ITS LIFE BLOSSOMED.

ALTHOUGH THE WORLD WAS BEAUTIFUL, THERE WAS SOMETHING CLAWING AT HER FROM THE INSIDE.
SADNESS OVERWHELMED HER, EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS SEEMINGLY NO REASON FOR IT.
NUWA ASKED THE PLANTS AND TREES ABOUT HER SORROWFUL FEELINGS...
...BUT TO NO AVAIL.

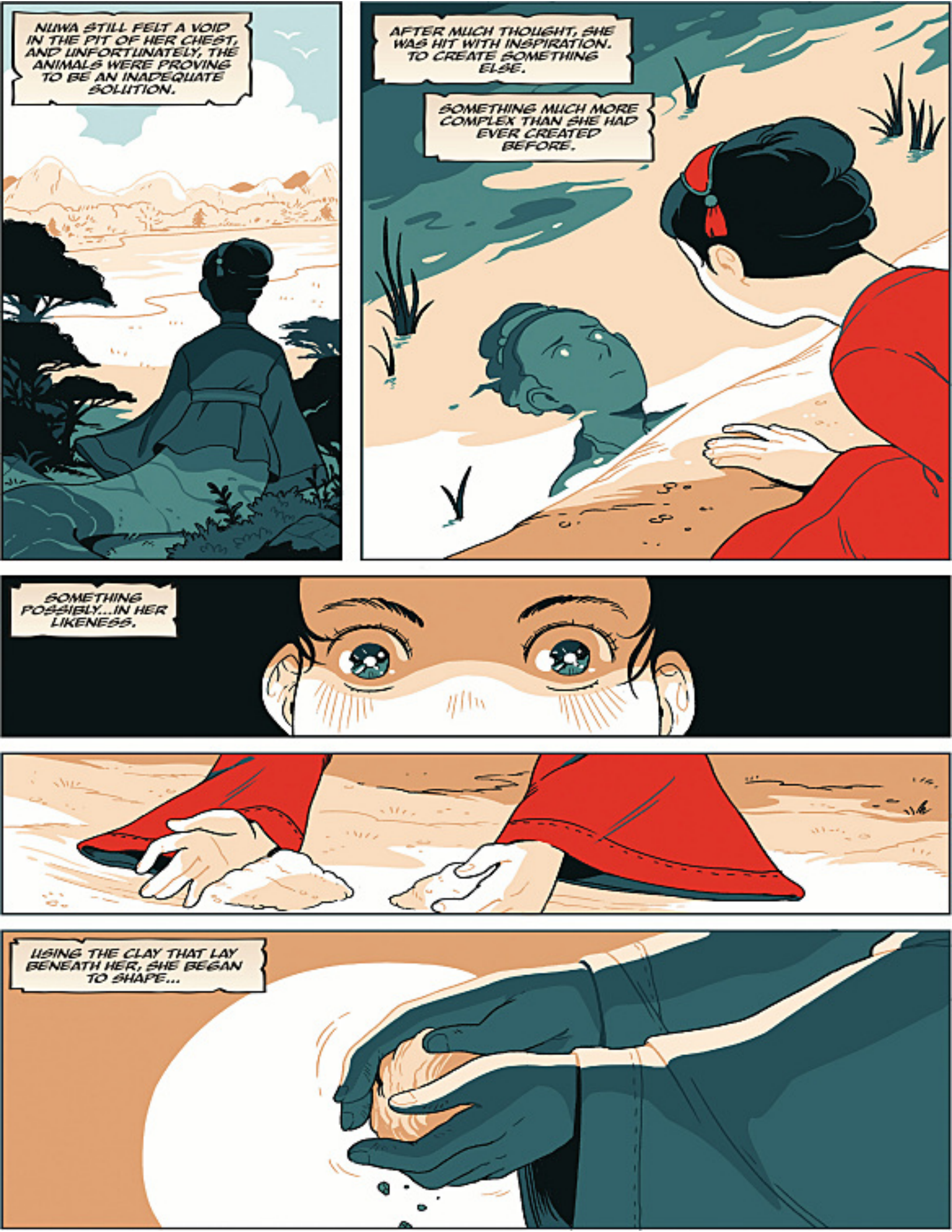
EVENTUALLY, IT BECAME CLEAR AS TO WHAT SHE WAS EXPERIENCING.
IT WAS LONELINESS.

WITHOUT MUCH HESITATION, SHE BEGAN TO CREATE ANIMALS.



CHICKENS. DOGS. SHEEP. PIGS. COWS.
ALL IN THE HOPES OF SOME COMPANIONSHIP.

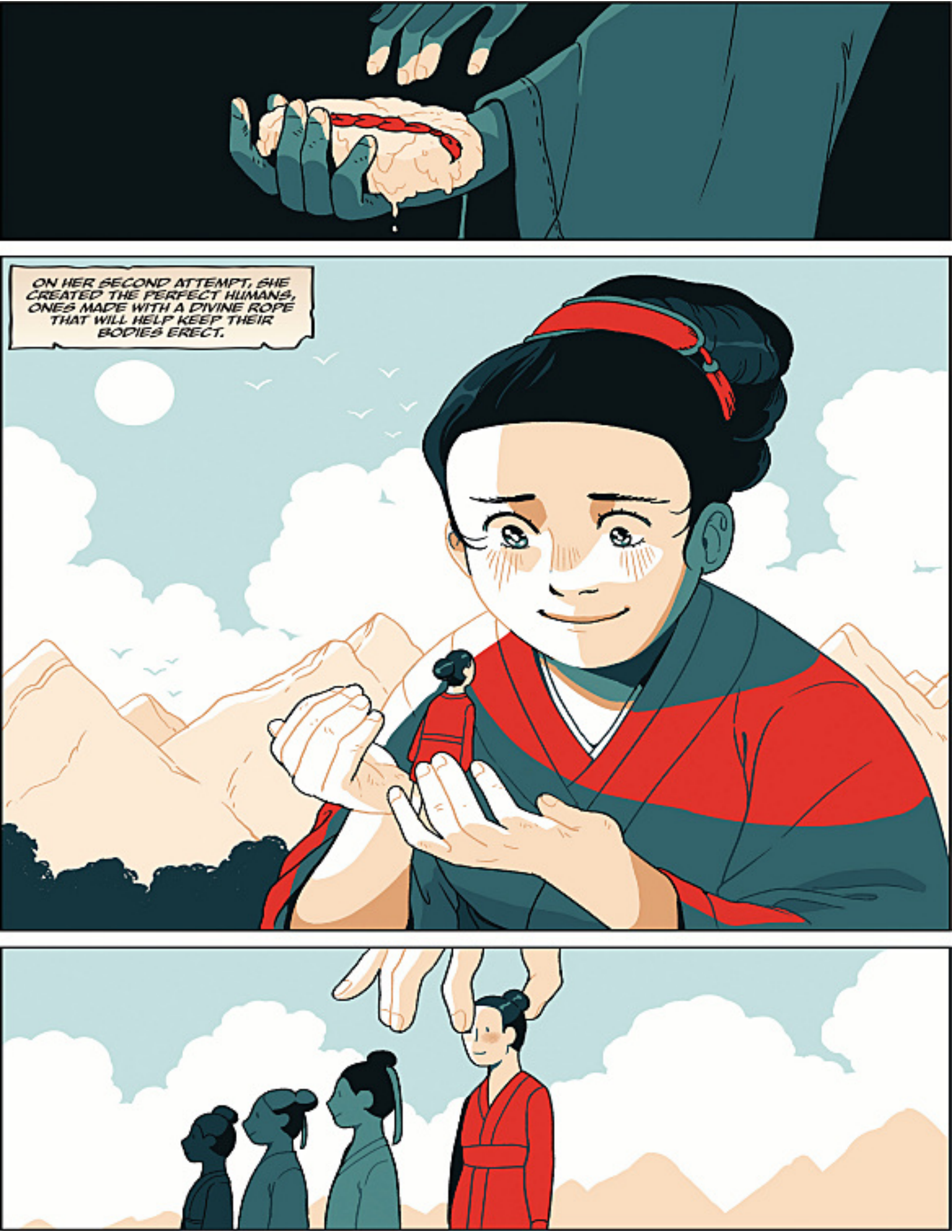
SHE WANTED WHAT WE HAVE!
WELL, YES, BUT UNLIKE YOU AND I, IT WASN'T QUITE ENOUGH FOR HER.


NUWA STILL FELT A VOID IN THE PIT OF HER CHEST, AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE ANIMALS WERE PROVING TO BE AN INADEQUATE SOLUTION.
AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, SHE WAS HIT WITH INSPIRATION. TO CREATE SOMETHING ELSE.
SOMETHING MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN SHE HAD EVER CREATED BEFORE.
SOMETHING POSSIBLY...IN HER LIKENESS.
USING THE CLAY THAT LAY BENEATH HER, SHE BEGAN TO SHAPE...

...THE FIRST HUMAN.

DELIGHTED, NUWA OBSERVED AS THE HUMAN TOOK THEIR FIRST STEPS ON SOLID GROUND.
THERE WAS SO MUCH MORE TO THESE CREATURES, SHE KNEW IT.
HOWEVER, THERE WAS AN ISSUE...

THE HUMAN WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH, AND COULD NOT MAINTAIN ITS SHAPE.
NUWA WAS SURPRISED, BUT NOT PERTURBED. INTRIGUED MORE THAN ANYTHING.
SHE LEARNED THAT HUMANS NEEDED A SUITABLE VESSEL TO AID IN THEIR RATHER LARGE AMBITIONS.
A VESSEL WITH LOTS OF STRENGTH AND STRUCTURE.


ON HER SECOND ATTEMPT, SHE CREATED THE PERFECT HUMANS, ONES MADE WITH A DIVINE ROPE THAT WILL HELP KEEP THEIR BODIES ERECT.

AS SHE SET THEM DOWN, THEY BEGAN TO DANCE AND RUN AROUND, REJOICING AT THEIR NEWFOUND LIFE.
THIS WAS EVERYTHING NUWA COULD EVER WANT.

THE HUMANS HAD EMOTIONS, SPOKE WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND EVEN BUILT THINGS FROM THE RESOURCES AROUND THEM.
THEY HAD ATTRIBUTES AND INTELLIGENCE MUCH LIKE NUWA'S OWN.
OVERJOYED BY THIS SIGHT, SHE CONTINUED TO CREATE MORE OF THESE HUMANS.

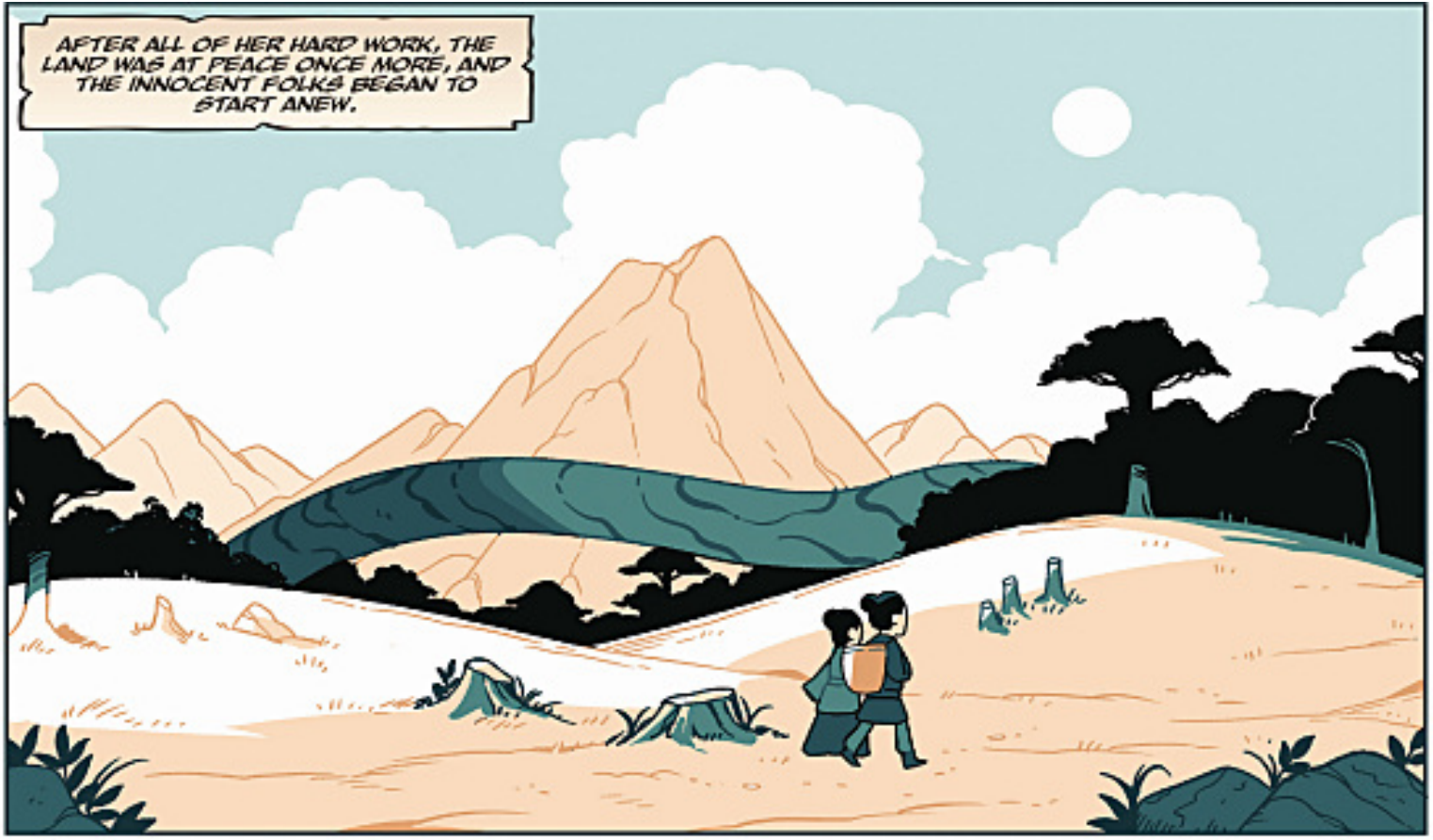
ALL WAS WELL, UNTIL ONE DAY...
...IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE, TWO SUPREMELY POWERFUL GODS OF WATER AND FIRE HAD GOTTEN INTO A QUARREL.
IT WASN'T LONG UNTIL THEIR TUSSLE FOUND ITS WAY TO EARTH. DURING THE FIGHT, THE GOD OF WATER SLAMMED HIS HEAD ON THE LARGEST MOUNTAIN.
AND IT SHATTERED.

THE ALMIGHTY HEAVENLY PILLAR, THAT WAS KNOWN TO HOLD UP THE SKY, HAD BROKEN AND THUS COMMENCED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE EARTH.

AND THERE WERE FLOODS.

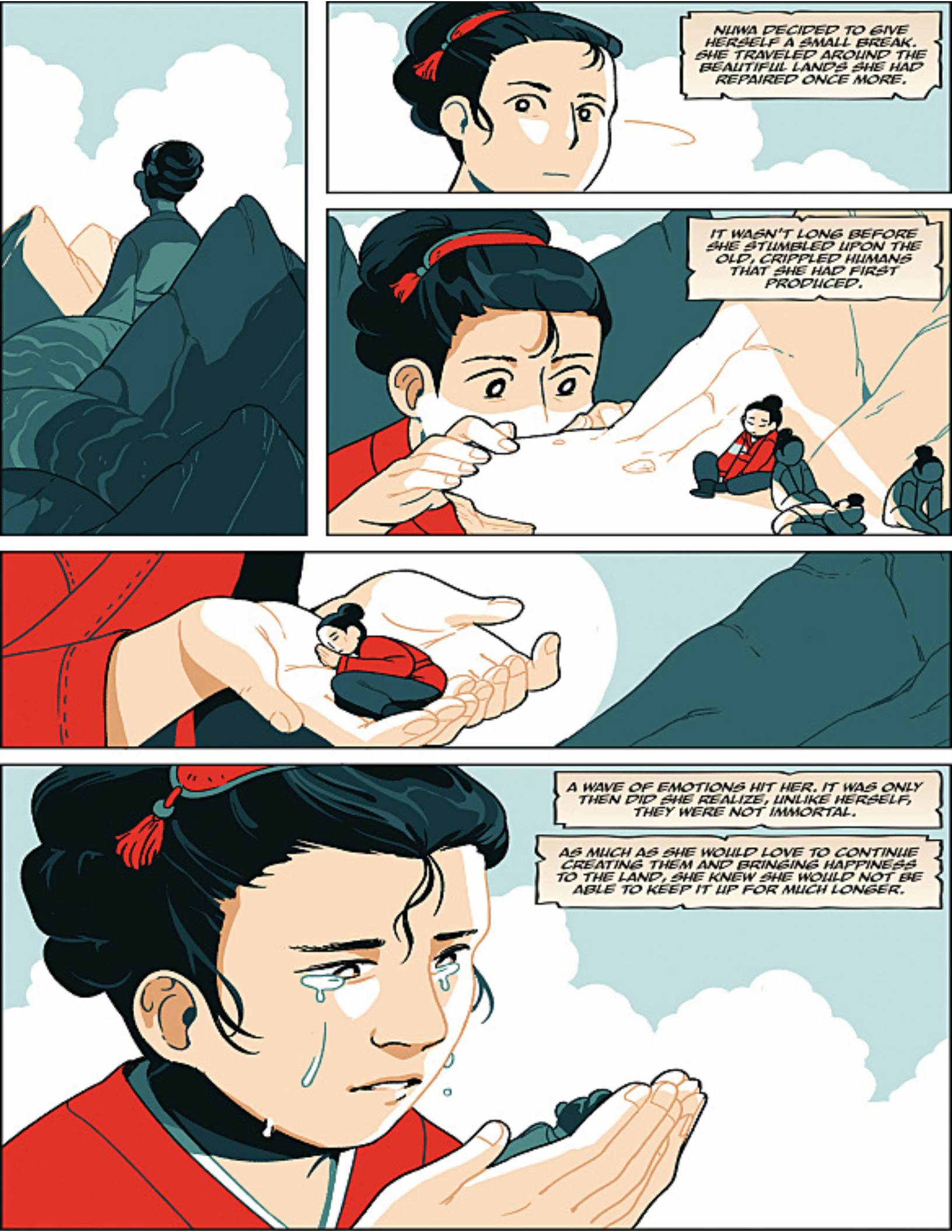
NUWA GRIEVED AS SHE WATCHED THE CHAOS REIGNING OVER THE BEAUTIFUL LAND SHE HAD SPENT SO LONG CULTIVATING...
...AND SHE SAW HOW MUCH THE PEOPLE WERE SUFFERING.
SHE KNEW THAT NO OTHER GOD WOULD HELP CARE FOR THIS EARTH AND TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO MEND THE CRACKS.

SHE SMELTED COLORED STONES THAT HELPED PATCH THE SKY.
SHE SLEW A GIANT TURTLE AND UTILIZED ITS FOUR LEGS AS PILLARS TO SUPPORT THE FALLEN HEAVENS.
SHE CAPTURED AND KILLED A BLACK DRAGON TO WARD OFF OTHER BEASTS FROM THE LAND.
SHE CREATED PILES OF REEDS AND CINDERS TO BLOCK THE FLOOD FROM DAMAGING MORE OF THE EARTH AND PEOPLE.


AFTER ALL OF HER HARD WORK, THE LAND WAS AT PEACE ONCE MORE, AND THE INNOCENT FOLKS BEGAN TO START ANEW.

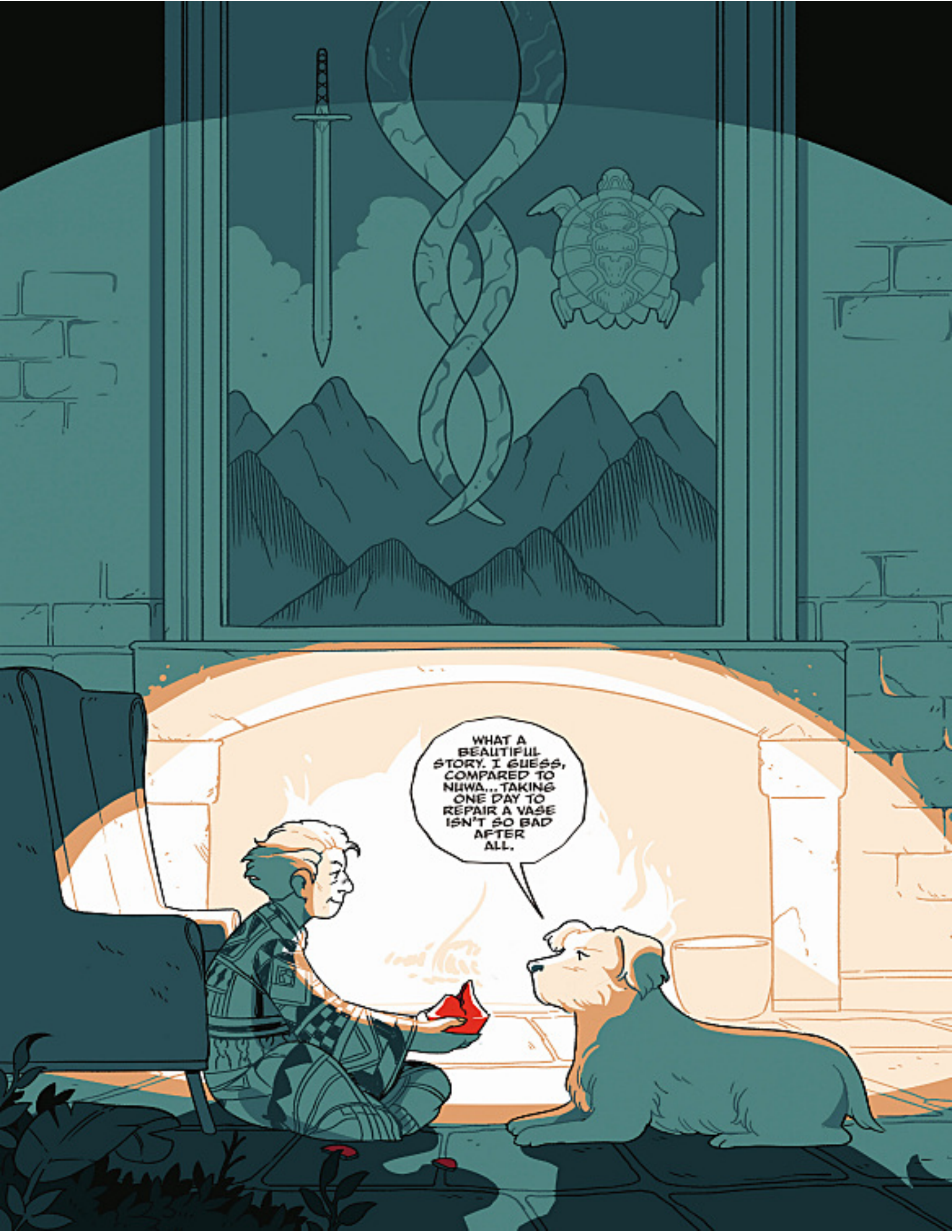
NUWA ATTEMPTED TO GO BACK TO THE LIFE SHE HAD CREATED FOR HERSELF BEFORE THE GREAT DISASTERS, MOLDING CLAY INTO HUMANS--

--BUT SHE HAD GROWN TIRED.


NUWA DECIDED TO GIVE HERSELF A SMALL BREAK. SHE TRAVELED AROUND THE BEAUTIFUL LANDS SHE HAD REPAIRED ONCE MORE.
IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE SHE STUMBLED UPON THE OLD, CRIPPLED HUMANS THAT SHE HAD FIRST PRODUCED.
A WAVE OF EMOTIONS HIT HER. IT WAS ONLY THEN DID SHE REALIZE, UNLIKE HERSELF, THEY WERE NOT IMMORTAL.
AS MUCH AS SHE WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE CREATING THEM AND BRINGING HAPPINESS TO THE LAND, SHE KNEW SHE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP IT UP FOR MUCH LONGER.

SHE BEGAN TO CONTEMPLATE, AND THEN...
...IT DAWNED ON HER.
WHAT IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO PRODUCE THEM?
WHAT IF THEY COULD REPRODUCE ON THEIR OWN?

SHE DECIDED TO CREATE A CONCEPT FOR HUMANS—
—MARRIAGE.
THUS, NUWA WAS ABLE TO RETIRE PEACEFULLY.


WHAT A BEAUTIFUL STORY. I GUESS, COMPARED TO NUWA... TAKING ONE DAY TO REPAIR A VASE ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL.

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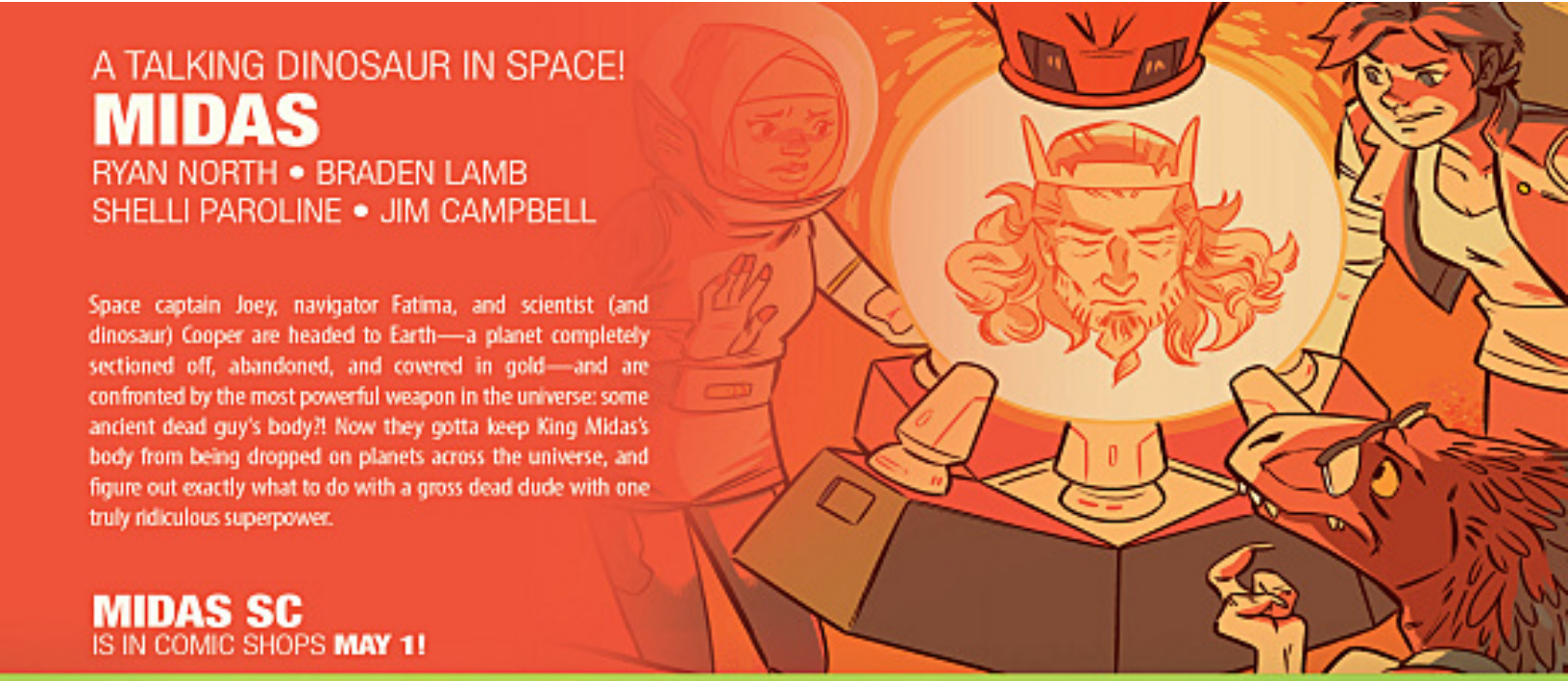

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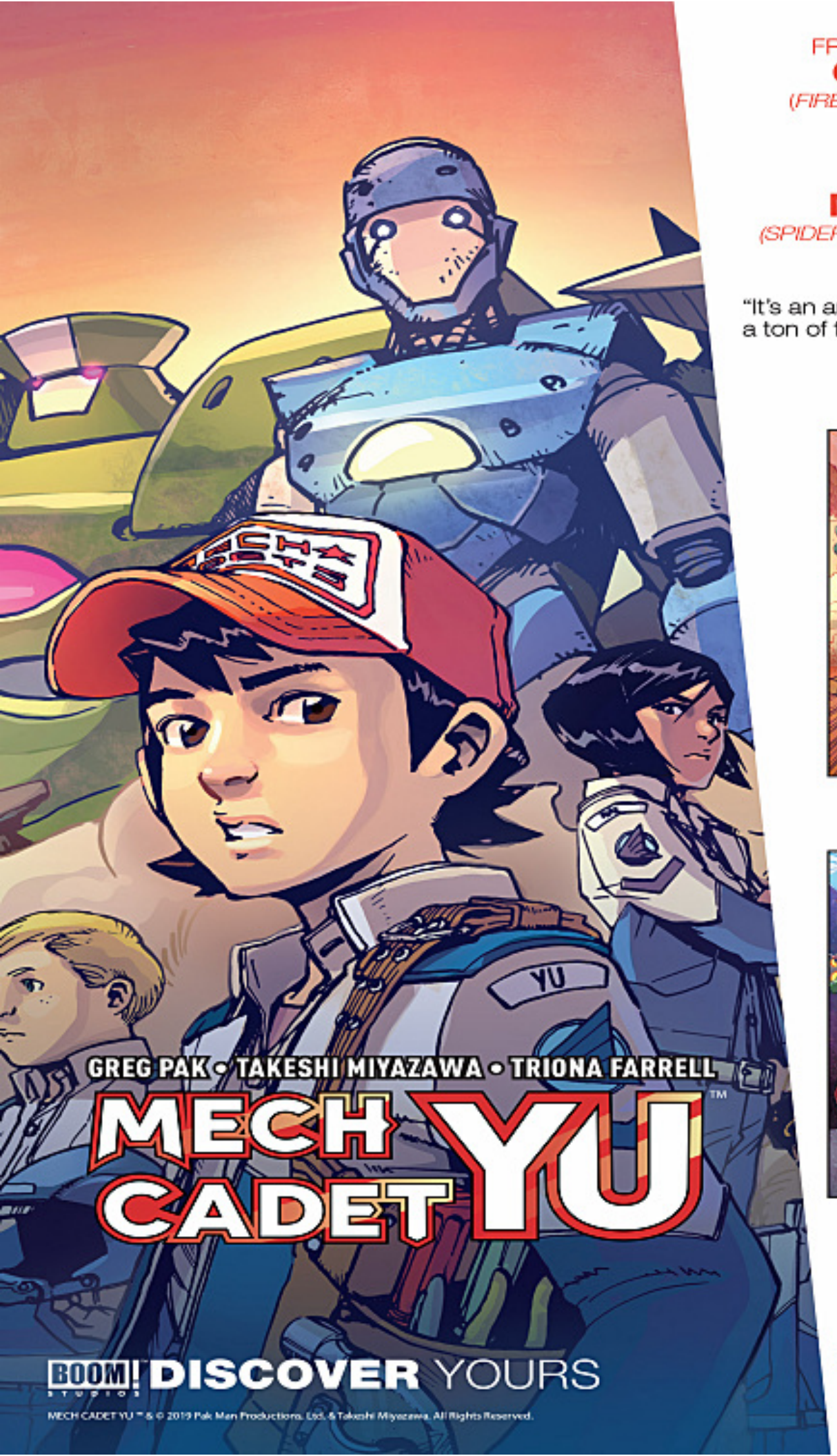

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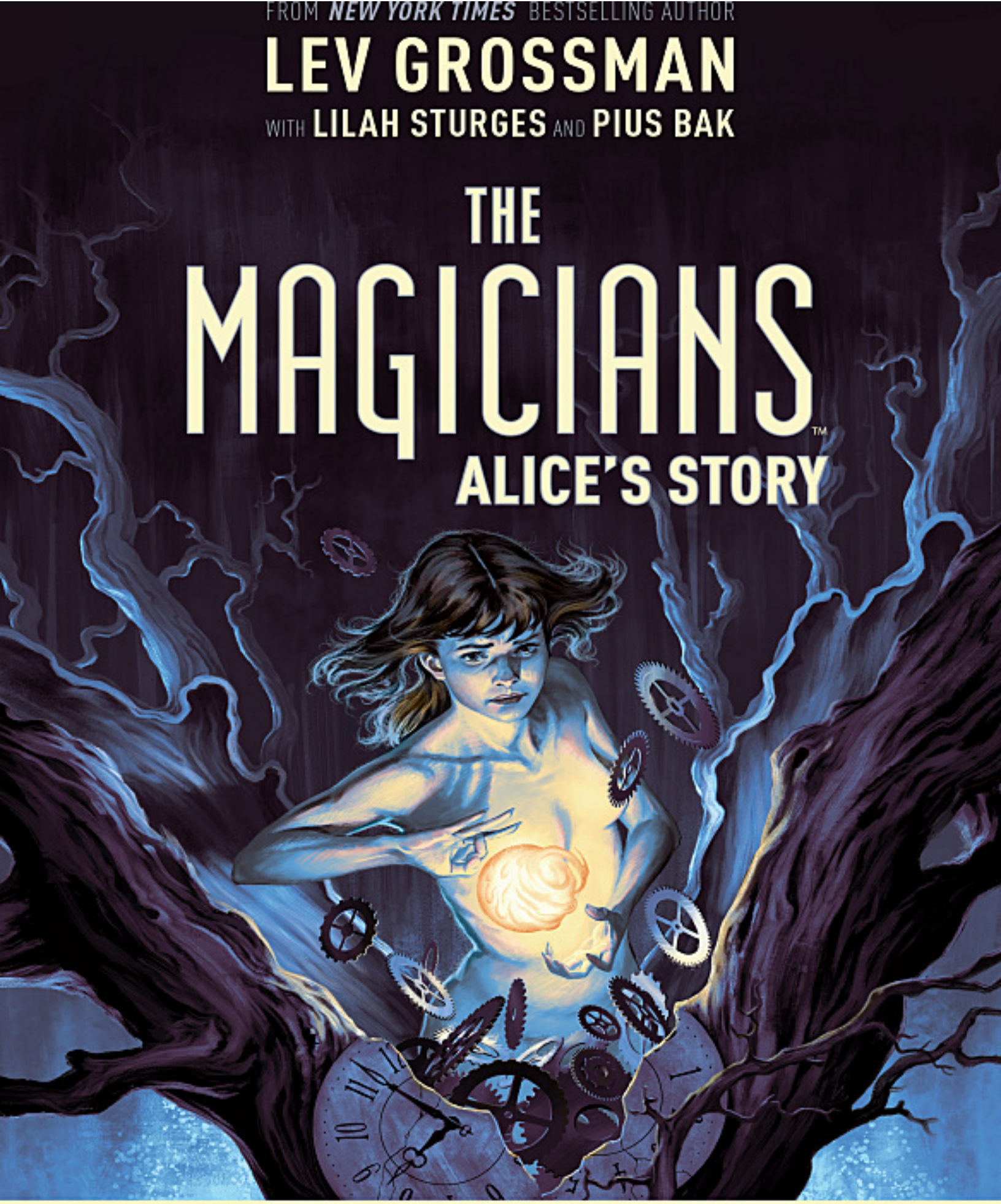

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